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Cairo Unraveling



An Egyptian protester waves a national flag as Egyptians gather in Tahrir Square during a demonstration against President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo, Sunday, June 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

Egypt erupts with protests demanding Morsi ouster

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CAIRO (AP) — Hundreds of thousands thronged the streets of Cairo and cities around the country Sunday and marched on the presidential palace, filling a broad avenue for blocks, in an attempt to force out the Islamist president with the most massive protests

Egypt has seen in 2½ years of turmoil.

In a sign of the explosive volatility of the country's divisions, a hard core of young opponents broke away from the rallies and attacked the main headquarters of President Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, pelting it with stones and firebombs until a raging fire erupted in the walled villa. During clashes,

Brotherhood supporters opened fire with birdshot on the attackers, who swelled to a crowd of hundreds. Fears were widespread that the two sides could be heading to a violent collision in coming days. Morsi made clear through a spokesman that he would not step down and his Islamist supporters vowed not to allow protesters to remove one of their own,

brought to office in a legitimate vote.

Thousands of Islamists massed not far from the presidential palace in support of Morsi, some of them prepared for a fight with makeshift armor and sticks.

At least four people were killed Sunday in shootings at anti-Morsi protesters in southern Egypt.

The protesters aimed to

show by sheer numbers that the country has irrevocably turned against Morsi, a year to the day after he was inaugurated as Egypt's first freely elected president. But throughout the day and even up to midnight at the main rallying sites, fears of rampant violence did not materialize.

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Instead the mood was largely festive as protesters at giant anti-Morsi rallies in Cairo's central Tahrir Square and outside the Ittihadiya palace spilled into side streets and across boulevards, waving flags, blowing whistles and chanting.

Fireworks went off overhead. Men and women, some with small children on their shoulders, beat drums, danced and sang, "By hook or by crook, we will bring Morsi down." Residents in nearby homes showered water on marchers below — some carrying tents in preparation to camp outside the palace — to cool them in the summer heat, and blew whistles and waved flags in support.

"Mubarak took only 18 days although he had behind him the security, intelligence and a large sector of Egyptians," said Amr Tawfeeq, an oil company employee marching toward Ittihadiya with a Christian friend. Morsi

"won't take long. We want him out and we are ready to pay the price."

The massive outpouring against Morsi, culminating a year of growing polarization, raises the question of what is next. Protesters have vowed to stay on the streets until he steps down, and organizers called for widespread labor strikes starting Monday. The president, in turn, appears to be hoping protests wane.

For weeks, Morsi's supporters have depicted the planned protest as a plot by Mubarak loyalists. But their claims were undermined by the extent of Sunday's rallies. In Cairo and a string of cities in the Nile Delta and on the Mediterranean coast, the protests topped even the biggest protests of the 2011's 18-day uprising, including the day Mubarak quit, Feb. 11, when giant crowds marched on Ittihadiya.

It is unclear now whether the opposition, which for months has demanded Morsi form a national unity government, would now accept any concessions short of his removal. The anticipated deadlock raises

the question of whether the army, already deployed on the outskirts of cities, will intervene. Protesters believe the military would throw its significant weight behind

they are mistaken," said lawyer Hossam Muhareb as he sat with a friend on a sidewalk near the presidential palace. "They will give up and leave after seeing

fall, several dozen youths attacked the Muslim Brotherhood's headquarters on a plateau overlooking the capital. They threw rocks and firebombs at the



Opponents of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi hold posters with Arabic that reads, "Leave," as they protest outside the presidential palace in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

them, tipping the balance against Morsi. The country's police, meanwhile, were hardly to be seen Sunday. "If the Brothers think that we will give up and leave,

our numbers."

Violence could send the situation spinning into explosive directions.

In a potentially volatile confrontation after night-

walled villa, and people inside fired at the attackers with birdshot, according to an Associated Press Television News cameraman at the scene.

Southern Egypt saw deadly attacks on anti-Morsi protesters, and four people were killed. A protester was shot to death in Beni Suef outside the offices of the Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party. In the city of Assiut, gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire on a protest, killing one person and wounding four others. The enraged protesters then marched on the nearby Freedom and Justice offices, where gunmen inside opened fire, killing two more, security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk to the press. Clashes erupted, with protesters and security forces fighting side by side against Morsi's supporters.

At least 400 people were injured nationwide, the Health Ministry said.

Morsi, who has three years left in his term, said street protests cannot be used to overturn the results of a free election. □

Croatia celebrates its EU membership

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ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Fireworks lit the sky and festive crowds gathered on the streets to mark Croatia's entry Monday into the European Union, a major milestone some 20 years after the country won independence in a bloody civil war that shook the continent.

Croatia became the 28th EU member, the bloc's first addition since Bulgaria and Romania joined in 2007. Though enthusiasm for the country's achievement has been dampened by the EU's financial turmoil, it is a historic turning point for the small Balkan nation of 4.2 million, which endured years of carnage after declaring independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991.

"As midnight struck, your

country crossed an important threshold," European Council President Herman Van Rompuy told the cheering crowd in Croatia's capital Zagreb. "It will change the life of this na-

tion for good." "In the history of a nation, there are a few events such as this one," Croatia's President Ivo Josipovic said. "The accession of Croatia to the European

Union is confirmation that each one of us belongs to the European democratic and cultural set of values."

A decade back, when Croatia started negotiating the entry, the once war-torn country was overjoyed at the prospect of becoming a member of the European elite. With the EU in deep financial trouble and Croatia's own economy in recession for five consecutive years, the excitement has dimmed.

Thousands of people waving small EU and Croatian flags nonetheless joined celebrations across the country, including in Zagreb's main square. There, artists performed for some 100 visiting foreign leaders until midnight when big fireworks and the singing of Beethoven's Ode to Joy — EU's anthem — marked the official entry into the



A Croatian police officer, left, and a customs officer raise a European Union flag at the border crossing between Croatia and Slovenia during celebrations marking Croatia's EU accession, in Bregana, early Monday, July 1, 2013.

(AP Photo/Nikola Solic)

European allies outraged by new NSA spy allegations

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration faced a breakdown in confidence Sunday from key foreign allies who threatened investigations and sanctions against the U.S. over secret surveillance programs that reportedly installed covert listening devices in European Union offices.

U.S. intelligence officials said they will directly discuss with EU officials the new allegations, reported in Sunday's editions of the German news weekly *Der Spiegel*. But the former head of the CIA and National Security Agency urged the White House to make the spy programs more transparent to calm public fears about the American government's snooping.

It was the latest backlash in a nearly monthlong global debate over the reach of U.S. surveillance that aims to prevent terror attacks. The two programs, both run by the NSA, pick up millions of telephone and Internet records that are routed through American networks each day. They have raised sharp con-

cerns about whether they violate public privacy rights at home and abroad.

Several European officials — including in Germany, Italy, France, Luxembourg and the EU government itself — said the new revelations could scuttle ongoing negotiations on a trans-Atlantic trade treaty that, ultimately, seeks to create jobs and boost commerce by billions annually in what would be the world's largest free trade area.

"Partners do not spy on each other," said EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding. "We cannot negotiate over a big trans-Atlantic market if there is the slightest doubt that our partners are carrying out spying activities on the offices of our negotiators. The American authorities should eliminate any such doubt swiftly."

European Parliament President Martin Schulz said he was "deeply worried and shocked about the allegations of U.S. authorities spying on EU offices." And Luxembourg Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Jean Asselborn said he had no reason to doubt the *Der Spiegel* report and rejected the notion that security concerns trump the broad



A demonstrator protests with a poster against NSA in Hanover, Germany.

(AP Photo/dpa, Peter Steffen)

U.S. surveillance authorities. "We have to re-establish immediately confidence on the highest level of the European Union and the United States," Asselborn told The Associated Press. According to *Der Spiegel*, the NSA planted bugs in the EU's diplomatic offices in Washington and infiltrated the building's computer network. Similar measures were taken at the EU's mission to the United Nations in New York, the magazine

said. It also reported that the NSA used secure facilities at NATO headquarters in Brussels to dial into telephone maintenance systems that would have allowed it to intercept senior officials' calls and Internet traffic at a key EU office nearby. The *Spiegel* report cited classified U.S. documents taken by NSA leaker and former contractor Edward Snowden that the magazine said it had partly seen. It did not publish the

alleged NSA documents it cited nor say how it obtained access to them. But one of the report's authors is Laura Poitras, an award-winning documentary filmmaker who interviewed Snowden while he was holed up in Hong Kong. Britain's *The Guardian* newspaper also published an article Sunday alleging NSA surveillance of the EU offices, citing classified documents provided by Snowden. □

Kerry sees progress in effort to revive Mideast talks

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Secretary of State John Kerry wound up his most intensive push yet for a revival of Middle East peace talks Sunday without achieving a breakthrough, but he said that his four days of marathon meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders had yielded "real progress" and that a resumption of substantive negotiations could be "within reach." He said he would return to the region soon.

"We started out with very wide gaps and we have narrowed those considerably," Kerry told reporters at Ben Gurion International Airport before flying to Asia for a meeting of for-

eign ministers. "We have made real progress on this trip and I believe that with a little more work the start of final-status negotiations could be within reach."

"I am very hopeful that we are close to an approach that will work, but it will take a little bit more time to work through some of the details and modalities," Kerry added. "I am absolutely confident that we are on the right track and that all of the parties are working in very good faith." Kerry's comments came after a hectic weekend of shuttle diplomacy. He canceled a scheduled stop in the United Arab Emirates to press Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Au-



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel in Jerusalem.

(Jacquelyn Martin/The New York Times)

thority to return to the negotiating table after years of stalemate.

The sticking points for bringing the parties back to the table are familiar: Abbas is

insisting on a freeze of the building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, the release of some 120 Palestinians who have been in Israeli prisons for more than 20 years and the use of the pre-1967 borders as the basis of negotiations. Israeli newspapers reported Sunday that Netanyahu had expressed a willingness to release prisoners but only in stages, and to freeze settlement construction, but only outside of three large blocs he says must remain part of Israel. There are also indications that both sides might accept an American statement on the 1967 borders, along with one about Israel being a Jewish state, allowing the parties to avoid having to say it themselves. □

NYC's gay pride march celebrates Supreme Court win

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NEW YORK (AP) — Only days after the Supreme Court used her lawsuit to grant same-sex couples U.S. federal marriage benefits, Edith Windsor helped

lead New York City's Gay Pride march on Sunday. Signs along the route read, "Thank you, Edie" — celebrating Windsor for her successful challenge of a provision of the Defense of Marriage Act that defined

marriage as between a man and a woman. "If somebody had told me 50 years ago that I would be the marshal of New York City's gay pride parade in 2013, at the age of 84, I wouldn't have be-

lieved it," she said. Mayor Michael Bloomberg joined hundreds of bikers whose motorcycles roared to life at noon to kick off the celebration, a colorful cavalcade of activists and others who marched down Fifth Avenue 44 years after the city's first pride march. "We're Dykes on Bikes," announced Marcia Jackson, of Burbank, California, a member of the lesbian motorcycle club who clutched the waist of Tyrone White on their motorcycle. Jackson grinned as she explained White's connection to the sisterhood — he's undergoing a sex-change procedure. Long-time LGBT activist Cathy Renna said Windsor's suit and the Supreme Court's favorable ruling in a challenge to Proposition 8, the California gay marriage ban, made this year's celebration special.

"It is an especially thrilling year to march this year," she said. "I have seen more

real progress in the past three years than the nearly two decades of activism before it." But, she added, "we must remain vigilant; hate crimes, discrimination and family rejection loom in our lives still." A spate of recent hate crimes in New York provide a stark reminder of work left to be done. In one case last month, police said a gunman used homophobic slurs before firing a fatal shot into a man's face on a Manhattan street alive with a weekend midnight crowd. The city's police commissioner called it an anti-gay hate crime. A. Carlos Cardinas, a native of Colombia who lives in Queens, is a transvestite who dressed up in festive attire for the day: a green sequined top with a salmon-colored flower ringing the waist. "We are so happy to live free in America," said Cardinas, a hairdresser who is engaged to be married to his boyfriend. □



Grand Marshall Edith Windsor, the 84-year-old woman at the center of the U.S. Supreme Court decision granting gay couples federal marriage benefits, is surrounded by well wishers during the gay pride march in New York Sunday, June 30, 2013. (AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

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US Southwest braces for more sizzling temps

LAS VEGAS (AP) — High temperatures brought discomfort to much of America's Southwest on Sunday as many parts of the region were coming off record-breaking heat days and bracing for more sizzling temperatures.

Roasting heat was on tap for the valleys and desert regions of Southern California, while metropolitan Phoenix was expected to see a slight drop in temperatures after experiencing record-breaking heat Saturday. Six half-marathon runners in Southern California were hospitalized Sunday for heat-related illnesses. A day earlier, paramedics responding to a Nevada home without air conditioning found an elderly man dead.

Runners in the Southern California race who required medical attention were extremely dehydrated, and some experienced cramps, said Pasadena Fire Department spokeswoman Lisa Derderian. Several other runners were evaluated along the route but were not taken to the hospital, she said.

Paramedics were deployed along the 13.1-mile (21-kilometer) race, and buses with air conditioning were provided for runners to cool off. The event was supposed to be a marathon, but it was downgraded due to low turnout last year.

Phoenix Fire Department spokesman Larry Nunez said Phoenix hasn't seen



People play in the fountain in front of Arizona State University campus in Tempe, Ariz. on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/David Wallace)

any deaths that were classified as heat-related, but emergency workers have gotten 98 heat-related calls within the metro area since Friday morning.

The 119-degree Fahrenheit (48 Celsius) high in Phoenix on Saturday marked the fourth-hottest day in metro Phoenix since authorities started keeping temperature records more than 110 years ago.

The high temperature forecast for the metro area for Sunday was 116 (46 Celsius). Several Southern California communities set same-day record highs Saturday including Palm Springs, where the mercury peaked at 122 degrees (50 Celsius). □

Pacific Coast: Tropical Storm Dalila forming

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Dalila is churning across the Pacific off southwest Mexico, and authorities have issued a tropical storm warning for a large swath of coastline.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the fourth tropical storm of the season formed early Sunday and is centered about 235 miles (375 kilometers) south-southeast of Manzanillo, Mexico. Dalila is moving north-northwest

at 9 mph (15 kph), with top sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph). Mexico has issued a tropical storm warning for its Pacific coast from Punta San Telmo to La Fortuna. A tropical storm watch is issued from north of La Fortuna to Cabo Corrientes. Forecasters say Dalila is showing little change in strength. Tropical storm conditions are expected to reach the coast early Monday with 1 to 3 inches of rain in some areas.

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US House takes up immigration fix

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Sunday that any attempt at comprehensive immigration legislation cannot offer a "special pathway to citizenship" for those in the United States illegally.

That obstructionist approach could block the Republican Party's hopes of ever winning the White House, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi predicted.

A thwarted immigration overhaul could again send those voting blocs to Democrats' side.

Last year, President Barack Obama won re-election with the backing of 71 percent of Hispanic voters and 73 percent of Asian voters after Republican candidate Mitt Romney advocated immigration measures so harsh that people in the country illegally would be motivated to "self-deport" themselves.

With last week's Senate passage of a comprehensive immigration bill, the emotionally and politically heated debate is now heading toward the Republican-led U.S. House, where conservative incumbents could face primary election challenges from the far right if they appear too lenient on the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally.

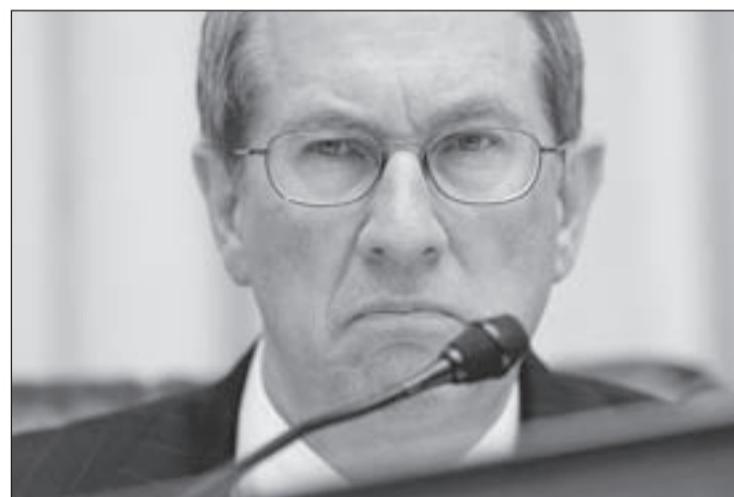
Rep. Bob Goodlatte, the Virginia Republican who leads the House Judiciary Committee, said he does not foresee a proposal that could provide a simple mechanism for immigrants here illegally to earn full standing as U.S. citizens, as many Democrats have demanded. Goodlatte's

committee has been working on bills that address individual concerns but has not written a comprehensive proposal to match the Senate's effort.

The House answer would not be "a special pathway to citizenship where people who are here unlawfully get something that people who have worked for decades to immigrate lawfully do not have," he said.

cent of Hispanics voted for President Obama, voted Democratic in the last election," Pelosi said.

The Senate bill would provide a long and difficult pathway to citizenship for those living in the country illegally, as well as tough measures to secure the border. Conservatives have stood opposed to any pathway to full citizenship for those work-



House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., listens on Capitol Hill in Washington. The committee in the Republican-led House is preparing to cast its first votes on immigration this year, on a tough enforcement-focused measure that Democrats and immigrant groups are protesting loudly.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

The Senate and House have to pass a consistent bill, which would then have to be signed into law by the president.

A pathway to legal standing, similar to immigrants who have green cards that allow them to be in the country, could be an option, he added.

That approach, Pelosi said, would bring electoral doom for Republicans looking to take back the White House after the 2016 elections. Republicans, she advised, should follow the Senate lead "if they ever want to win a presidential race."

"We wouldn't even be where we are right now had it not been that 70 per-

ers, and House lawmakers have urged a piecemeal approach to the thorny issue instead of the Senate's sweeping effort.

Illustrating the strong opposition among conservative lawmakers in the House, Rep. Trey Gowdy, a South Carolina Republican, said flatly: "The Senate bill is not going to pass."

Bowing to those pressures, House Republicans have said they would consider each piece of immigration separately as they tried to navigate the politically dicey subject that could complicate not only their efforts to reclaim the White House but also thwart incumbent Republican lawmakers' attempt to win re-election. □

Bulger lawyers focus on battling informant label

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BOSTON (AP) — James

"Whitey" Bulger is charged with a litany of crimes — including participating in 19 murders — during what prosecutors describe as a decadeslong reign of "murder and mayhem." But Bulger's lawyers have spent much of their energy defending their client against something he doesn't face criminal charges for: being a longtime FBI informant.

The defense has vehemently denied the prosecution's claim that Bulger was an informant, going so far as to say his Irish heritage would prohibit such a thing.

They've also spent hours trying to discredit a 700-page FBI file that prosecutors say shows Bulger ratted on everyone from mobsters in the Italian Mafia to members of his own gang.

The defense strategy may be coming from Bulger himself.

In "Whitey Bulger: America's Most Wanted Gangster and the Manhunt That Brought him to Justice," a book published this year, Boston Globe reporters Shelley Murphy and Kevin Cullen include excerpts from letters Bulger wrote to a friend from jail saying he wants to show the world that he did not kill women and he was not a rat.

"I never put one person in prison in my life," he wrote in one of his letters. During his opening statement to the jury, Bulger's lead attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., referring to Bulger's Irish descent, said becoming an informant was "the worst thing an Irish person could consider doing" because of the history of The Troubles, a violent 30-year conflict in Ireland between

Catholics and Protestants that left more than 3,600 people dead.

"James Bulger never ever — the evidence will show — was an informant," Carney said. Instead, he said, Bulger paid FBI agents to protect him from being prosecuted. Another Bulger attorney, Hank Brennan, has focused on Bulger's informant file, suggesting it was fabricated by former FBI Agent John Connolly, who was convicted of racketeering and second-degree murder for leaking information to Bulger and his partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi.

Brennan spent hours last week questioning former FBI Agent John Morris about reports from other FBI informants that appeared strikingly similar to reports on information Connolly attributed to Bulger. He suggested that Morris and Connolly said Bulger gave them the information to advance their own careers at a time when cultivating informants who could help bring down the Mafia was a national priority for the FBI.

But investigators who spent years trying to build a case against Bulger say there is overwhelming evidence that Bulger spent 15 years as an informant — 1975 to 1990 — providing the FBI with information on local Mafia leaders, drug dealers and even criminals in his own South Boston neighborhood.

"I think clearly his attorney has marching orders from the defendant. He's more obsessed with not being seen as an informant than as a mass killer, which is an absurdity," said Thomas Duffy, a retired state police major who investigated Bulger. □



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Vendors hawk wears for Gettysburg events

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Associated Press

GETTYSBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) —

Vendors looking to capitalize on the barrage of tourists coming to town to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg are hawking commemorative T-shirts, hats and other trinkets as a re-enacted war rages on nearby.

More than 200,000 people — including 20,000 re-enactors — are expected to visit the small south-central Pennsylvania town for events through Fourth of July weekend.

Re-enactors and shoppers seeking more authentic trinkets head to the 19th-century-style tent city where shopkeepers offer items appropriate for the period or to re-stock the soldiers — just like traveling suppliers did in the 1860s.

A few visitors say they aren't comfortable with the consumerism, especially downtown.

"I don't like the commercialism."

I think they can do a lot less of it," said Richard Gow, 65, of Binghamton, New York. Dressed sharply in a gray uniform, Gow was portraying noted Confederate Gen. Lewis Armistead outside the American Civil War Wax Museum.

Then Gow — himself a U.S. Army veteran who served during Vietnam — looked toward the battlefield, just down the road.

"It's the grounds," he said reverentially, referring to the fields and hills where up to 10,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died in the Civil War's pivotal conflict. "It's an honor to be here."

Federal forces turned away the Confederates during fierce fighting on July 1-3, 1863, ending with the South's ill-fated Pickett's Charge across an open field against Union soldiers.

Many other visitors say modern Gettysburg strikes the appropriate balance between capitalizing on its notoriety and paying reverence to the Civil War's pivotal conflict.

"This kind of brings history alive," said Dave Gish, 54, a pastor from Wilton, Connecticut,

who took photos of a re-enactment between Union and Confederate cavalry featuring hundreds of horses.

He noted there were attractions such as water slides or roller coasters in town, venues that would be out of place with the period.

"It's the kind of thing where this is pretty much what you're coming for," he said.

The National Park Service events start Sunday night. In recent years, park officials said they have made an effort to rehabilitate major areas of the battlefield to make it better resemble the territory soldiers encountered in Gettysburg.

One of the changes involved removing a motel that once stood across the street from a monument for Ohio soldiers.

The battlefield rehabilitation process grew out of a master plan in 1999 that didn't set the 150th anniversary as a deadline — though park officials say it was a welcome and timely coincidence. □



Re-enactors snap photos before a demonstration of Pickett's Charge during ongoing activities commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Sunday, June 30, 2013, at Bushy Farm in Gettysburg, Pa. Union forces turned away a Confederate advance in the pivotal battle of the Civil War fought July 1-3, 1863, which was also the war's bloodiest conflict with more than 51,000 casualties.

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Obama:

African youth must seize 'moment of promise'

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Challenging African youth to seize a "moment of great promise," President Barack Obama declared Sunday that the future of the young and growing continent still rests in ailing South African leader Nelson Mandela's vision for equality and opportunity. Seeking to carve out his own piece of that legacy, Obama unveiled an ambitious initiative to double electricity access in sub-Saharan Africa, vowing to bring "light where there is darkness."

The president's address at the University of Cape Town capped an emotionally charged day in this picturesque coastal city, including a solemn visit to the Robben Island prison where Mandela was confined for 18 of his 27 years in captivity.

Obama stood stoically with his family in Mandela's cramped cell and peered across the lime quarry where Mandela toiled each day, causing the damage to his lungs that led to his latest hospital stint.

"Nelson Mandela showed us that one man's courage can move the world," Obama said during his evening speech at the university.

He was flanked by a diverse array of students, underscoring Mandela's vision for a unified "rainbow nation" for the country once led by a white racist government. In the flagship address of his weeklong trip to Africa, Obama outlined a U.S. policy toward the continent that focuses on increasing the region's ability to

support itself economically, politically and militarily. Harkening back to a prominent theme from his 2009 speech in Ghana — Obama's only other trip to Africa as president — he said Africans must take much of the responsibility for achieving that goal, although he pledged American assistance. "Ultimately I believe Africans should make up their own minds about what serves African interests," he

prison, called on young people to launch a fight against injustice, creating ripples of hope that would "build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Much has changed in South Africa since Kennedy addressed the nation. The apartheid regime crumbled under intense internal and external pressure. Mandela was elected as his country's first black pres-

tunity is the new "Power Africa" initiative unveiled ahead of his speech. The venture is supported by \$7 billion in U.S. investment and \$9 billion from the private sector, and will seek to bring electricity to at least 20 million new households and commercial entities in an initial set of six countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria and Tanzania.

The White House did not set a specific deadline



US President Barack Obama speaks at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, Sunday June 30, 2013. Obama's visit followed a visit to Robben Island, where ailing former South African president Mandela was jailed. Mandela is in critical condition in a Pretoria hospital just weeks before his 95th birthday.

(AP Photo)

said. "We trust your judgment, the judgment of ordinary people. We believe that when you control your destiny, if you got a handle on your governments, then governments will promote freedom and opportunity, because that will serve you."

Obama's address came nearly 50 years after Robert F. Kennedy delivered his famous speech at the same university.

Kennedy's speech, delivered soon after Mandela was sentenced to life in

ident following his release from prison. And South Africa has rapidly become continent's economic and political powerhouse.

But Obama said that progress, in South Africa and elsewhere on the continent, rests on a "fragile foundation." In order to solidify the gains, Obama called on Africans to focus on three priorities: expanding opportunity, promoting democracy and supporting peace.

A cornerstone of Obama's efforts to expand oppor-

for achieving that goal, but Obama advisers said it could happen within a decade. However, the first round of contributions still fall well short of the \$300 billion the International Energy Agency says would be required to achieve universal electricity access in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030.

Obama opened his speech with deeply personal remarks about Mandela, tracing the anti-apartheid icon's influence on his own political activism to his young daughters. □

Diplomats hope for North Korea talks at summit

HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP) — Southeast Asian diplomats have not abandoned hope that this week's annual Asian security summit will provide a chance for North Korea and its neighbors to discuss restarting long-dormant disarmament talks on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program, according to a joint statement released Sunday. The top diplomats from North Korea and the five other nations involved in the now-stalled nuclear disarmament talks are gathering in Brunei for the Association of Southeast Asian Nation Regional Forum. The international standoff over North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons is expected to take center stage, along with other regional issues, including South China Sea territorial disputes.

In the last six months, North Korea has launched a long-range rocket and conducted an atomic test in defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions banning the regime from nuclear and missile activity. Pyongyang calls the weapons buildup the core of its defense against U.S. aggression, and has vowed to push ahead in constructing the arsenal as long as it feels threatened by the U.S.

Top diplomats from the 10 ASEAN countries urged the six nations involved in past disarmament negotiations — North Korea, South Korea, the U.S., Japan, Russia and China — to restart the talks. The disarmament-for-aid talks hosted by Beijing were last held in 2008. □



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Separate bomb attacks kill 49 people in Pakistan

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Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)

Bombings killed 49 people in three different areas of Pakistan on Sunday, just as Britain's prime minister was in the capital pledging to help to fight extremism. In the deadliest of the attacks, twin blasts near a Shiite Muslim mosque in Quetta, the capital of southwest Baluchistan province, killed at least 28 people, including nine women and several children, said city police chief Mir Zubair Mahmood. Dozens of others were wounded.

Initial reports indicated a hand grenade caused the first blast, forcing people to run in the direction of the mosque, where a suicide bomber detonated his explosives, said another police officer, Fayaz Sumbal said. Security forces prevented the bomber from entering the mosque, or the death toll would have been higher, said the provincial Home Secretary Akbar Durrani. Radical Sunni Muslims have stepped up attacks in the past two years against minority Shi-

ites, whom they consider to be heretics.

Local TV video showed ambulances rushing victims to the hospital and wheeling them inside on stretchers. Some of the bodies were covered with white sheets. Relatives of the victims frantically entered the emergency room to inquire about their loved ones. Security forces cordoned off the area of the attack. The walls of shops near the blast were pockmarked with holes caused by small steel balls packed with the explosives to cause maximum death and destruction.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. Suspicion will likely fall on the militant group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, which has carried out many of the attacks against Shiites in Baluchistan in recent years. In the northwest, a car bomb exploded as a convoy of paramilitary troops passed through the outskirts of the city of Peshawar, killing at least 17 people and wounding dozens of others, police said.

Most of the dead and wounded were civilians,

although nine paramilitary Frontier Corps troops were hurt, said police official Shafiullah Khan. The blast

struck one Frontier Corps vehicle, but the other passed by safely. The explosion damaged



A Pakistani carries a critically injured boy, a victim of a car bombing, from an ambulance upon his arrival at a local hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, Sunday, June 2013.

(AP Photo/Hussain Ali)

many other vehicles and shops in the area, according to local TV video. Frontier Corps vehicles rushed to the scene, and a police officer collected evidence from the crater caused by the bomb.

Elsewhere in the northwest, a roadside bomb struck an army convoy and killed four soldiers in the North Waziristan tribal area, the main sanctuary for Taliban and al-Qaida militants in the country, said intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters. The blast also wounded 20 soldiers, the officials said. □

Russia's Putin signs anti-gay measures into law

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed into law a measure that stigmatizes gay people and bans giving children any information about homosexuality.

The lower house of Russia's parliament unanimously passed the Kremlin-backed bill on June 11 and the upper house approved it last week.

The ban on "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" is part of an effort to promote traditional

Russian values over Western liberalism, which the Kremlin and the Russian Orthodox Church see as corrupting Russian youth and contributing to the protests against Putin's rule.

Hefty fines can now be imposed on those who provide information about the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to minors or hold gay pride rallies. The Kremlin announced Sunday that Putin has signed the legislation into law. □

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Brazil:

Protests continue despite close of Confederation Cup



Military police fire tear gas at protesters during an anti-government protest near the Maracana stadium during the Confederations Cup final soccer match between Brazil and Spain, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, June 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)

JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

More than 5,000 anti-

government protesters marched Sunday near the Maracana stadium before a major international soc-

cer match, venting their anger about the billions of dollars the Brazilian government is spending on major sporting events rather than public services.

Sharp clashes broke out several hundred yards (meters) away from the stadium about 30 minutes before the game began, as a minor scuffle between police and a few protesters escalated.

Officers quickly quashed the unrest, unleashing a barrage of tear gas canisters and stun grenades, scattering the crowd, but not before some protesters retaliated with Molotov cocktails and powerful fireworks. At one point, an officer ran into a nearby gas station and told several people holed up inside they needed to get out or they were "all going to die here!"

Though smaller in size, the march was the latest in a wave of protests that has

spread across this continent-sized country in recent weeks. Many are calling the protest movement the biggest seen here in decades, with more than 1 million people having taken to the streets nationwide on just the night of June 20.

The demonstrations have dwindled in size and frequency in recent days as officials from all levels of government have scrambled to calm public anger with woeful public services and a heavy tax burden. Still, the atmosphere was tense outside Maracana on Sunday. Some clusters of protesters tried to break through the security perimeter police set-up around the stadium, but were pushed back and not able to get past authorities.

Despite the smaller protests, demonstrator Eliane Milazzo, a 54-year-old high school teacher marching with her daughter and

son-in-law, said the Brazilian people won't let their leaders off the hook and that the protests will go on. "They've got to continue because the reasons people are out on the street are not going to go away overnight," she said. "I know I will continue to go to the streets and so will my family until we see real changes in our everyday lives."

President Dilma Rousseff has suffered the brunt of the political damage. The first national poll conducted after the protests ignited showed a steep drop in her approval rating and throws in doubt what had seemed an easy re-election next year.

Rousseff decided to not attend Sunday's final match of the Confederations Cup football tournament, which pits Brazil against Spain in what's seen as a warm-up for next year's World Cup to be hosted in Brazil. □

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Indigenous beauty pageant held in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) —

Dressed in long skirts, embroidered shawls and bowler hats, 17 indigenous women in Bolivia vied for the title of "Cholita Paceña 2013."

The beauty contest held Sunday in La Paz was won by Delia Gutierrez, a 28-year-old rice and noodle vendor in a market in the capital.

In the contest, held every year in Bolivia's capital, contestants dance to folkloric music and answer questions put to them by a jury.

The head of La Paz's Office to Promote Folklore and Popular Arts, Nicolas Huallpa, said the purpose of the contest is to preserve



Aymara women smile during the Miss Cholita 2013 beauty pageant in La Paz, Bolivia, Sunday, June 30, 2013. Cholita is the style of clothing worn by many of the country's indigenous women.

(AP Photo/Juan Karita)

the identity of the traditional La Paz "chola."

Cholitas — indigenous women who wear traditional bowler hats, pollera

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Pope Francis: Benedict showed 'courage' in retiring

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Sunday praised his predecessor, Benedict XVI, for courageously following his conscience in deciding to retire.

Benedict became the first pontiff in 600 years to quit the post when he resigned in February, paving the way for Francis' election as pope two weeks later.

By lauding Benedict's surprise choice to step down, Francis put his papacy on record as supporting the move and leaving himself and future popes a possible way to leave what is traditionally an office held until death.

Francis told pilgrims, tourists and Romans in St. Peter's Square on Sunday that God made Benedict understand through prayer the step he had to take.

Benedict, then 85, explained when announcing his intention to resign that he felt he didn't have the mental and physical strength to continue as pontiff. The rare resignation dismayed some traditionalists in the Catholic church. But Francis praised Benedict for following his conscience "with a great sense of discernment and courage."

"We must learn to listen more to our conscience," said Francis, speaking from a window of the Apostolic Palace to the crowd in the square below. □

"This doesn't mean following one's own ego, doing whatever interests us, whatever suits us, whatever pleases us," the pope said. Instead, "conscience is an interior space for listening to the truth, to good" and to God who "speaks to my heart and helps me to discern, to understand the path I must follow, and once the decision is taken, to go forward, to remain faithful." "We have had a recent marvelous example of this relationship with God in our conscience," Francis said, citing his predecessor's resignation. "Pope Benedict XVI has given us a great example in this sense, when the Lord made him understand, in prayer, what step he had to take. He followed, with a great sense of discernment and courage, his conscience, that is, the will of God who was speaking to his heart." Francis described this as an "example to follow" for everyone. He also stressed that the faithful should not be "weak" or "remote-controlled Christians, incapable of creativity."

Benedict is now living in a Vatican monastery. A theologian, Benedict has said he wants to dedicate the rest of his life to prayer and meditation.

Benedict was a longtime Vatican-based German cardinal and already elderly when elected in 2005 to succeed Pope John Paul II. □



Pope Francis greets the faithful at the end of the Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, June 30, 2013. The Pontiff says his predecessor, Benedict XVI, was courageously following his conscience when he decided to retire.

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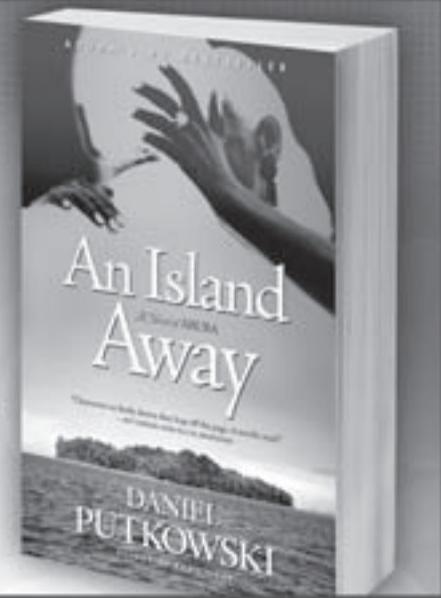
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AP Interview:

Ecuador's Correa says Snowden can't leave Moscow

MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN

Associated Press

PORTOVIEJO, Ecuador (AP)

— Edward Snowden is "under the care of the Russian authorities" and can't leave Moscow's international airport without their consent, Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa told The Associated Press Sunday in an interview telegraphing the slim and diminishing possibility that the National Security Agency leaker will end up in Ecuador.

Correa portrayed Russia as entirely the master of Snowden's fate and said Ecuador is still awaiting an asylum request from Snowden before deciding its next moves.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has distanced himself from the case since Snowden arrived in Moscow last week, insisting the 30-year-old former NSA contractor remains in the transit zone of the capital's Sheremetyevo Airport and that as long as he has not legally entered Russia, he is out of the Kremlin's control. At the same time, the Kremlin said Sunday that it will take public opinion and the views of human rights activists into account when considering Snowden's case, a move that could lay the groundwork for him to seek asylum in Russia.

"This is the decision of Russian authorities," Correa told the AP during a visit to this Pacific coast city. "He doesn't have a passport. I don't know the Russian laws, I don't know if he

can leave the airport, but I understand that he can't. At this moment he's under the care of the Russian authorities. If he arrives at an Ecuadorean Embassy we'll analyze his request for asylum."

Last week, several members of Russia's Presidential Council for Human Rights spoke out in support of Snowden, saying he deserved to receive political asylum in the country of his choice and should not be handed over to the United States. And a handful of protesters picketed outside the Moscow airport in what appeared to be an orchestrated demonstration on Friday, holding signs reading "Edward, Russia is your second motherland" and "Russia is behind Snowden."

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Eko Moskva radio that while Snowden is not Russia's concern, the Kremlin is aware of the viewpoints of Russian experts and representatives of human rights organizations.

"Public opinion on the subject is very rich," Peskov said in the radio interview. "We are aware of this and are taking it into account." Correa said he had no idea Snowden's intended destination was Ecuador when he fled Hong Kong for Russia last week. He said the Ecuadorean consul in London committed "a serious error" by not consulting officials in Ecuador's capital when the consul issued



Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, center, jokes as he prepares before an interview with The Associated Press in Portoviejo, Ecuador, Sunday, June 30, 2013. At left AP reporter Michael Weissenstein, at right Gonzalo Solano.

(AP Photo/Martin Mejia)

a letter of safe passage for Snowden. He said the consul would be punished, although he didn't specify how.

Analysts familiar with the workings of the Ecuadorian government said Correa's claims that the decision was entirely Russia's appeared to be at least partly disingenuous. They said they believed Correa's administration at first intended to host Snowden, then started back-tracking this week when the possible consequences became clearer.

"I think the government started to realize the dimensions of what it was

getting itself into, how it was managing things and the consequences that this could bring," said Santiago Basabe, an analyst and professor of political sciences at the Latin American School of Social Sciences in the Ecuadorean capital, Quito. "So it started pulling back, and they'll never tell us why, but I think the alarm bells started to go off from people very close to the government, maybe Ecuador's ambassador in Washington warned them about the consequences of asylum for Snowden."

Correa said Snowden must assume responsibility if he broke U.S. laws, but added

the broader legitimacy of Snowden's action must be taken into consideration. He said Ecuador would still consider an asylum request but only if Snowden is able to make it to Ecuador or an Ecuadorean Embassy to apply. The U.S. is seeking the former NSA contractor's extradition for leaking secret documents that, among other things, detail U.S. surveillance of international online activity. On Sunday, German magazine Der Spiegel reported that classified documents taken by Snowden also revealed U.S. spies had allegedly bugged European Union offices. □

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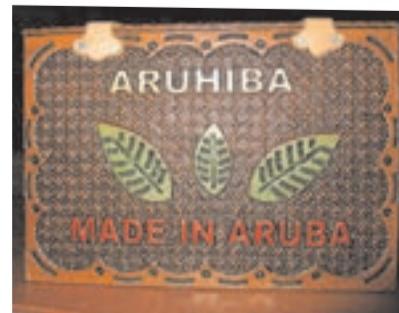
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Bill Haas takes AT&T National

AP Golf Writer

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)

— Bill Haas won the AT&T National on Sunday and joined some distinguished company.



Bill Haas hits from the 17th fairway during the final round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club, Sunday, June 30, 2013, in Bethesda, Md. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

Haas pulled away from a crowd of contenders with three straight birdies in the middle of his final round at Congressional. Two key putts down the stretch gave him some room for error that he didn't even need. He closed with a 5-under 66 for a three-shot win over Roberto Castro. As many as six players had a share of the lead at some point until Haas made the first of his three straight birdies on No. 8. He led by at least two shots the entire back nine, though he never allowed himself to think about winning until he stood over a 3-foot par putt on the 18th hole and realized he had three putts to win. "I just kept the ball in front of me," Haas said. "Nothing too crazy."

Haas has won at least one PGA Tour event in each of the last four years, joining Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson and Justin Rose.

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NOTHING BUT NET!

Brazil stuns Spain 3-0 to win Confederations Cup

Brazil's Neymar scores his side's 2nd goal past Spain's Iker Casillas during the Confederations Cup final between Brazil and Spain in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, June 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/Bruno Magalhaes)
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Confederations Cup

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TALES AZZONI

AP Sports Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Fred scored two goals and Neymar added another as host Brazil convincingly defeated world champion Spain 3-0 to win the Confederations Cup on Sunday as protesters clashed with riot police outside the Maracana Stadium.

Fred put Brazil on the board less than two minutes into the match, Neymar added to the lead just before half-time and Fred netted his fifth goal in five matches early in the second half to give Brazil victory. The win for the host nation was surprisingly easy against the current world champion. Sergio Ramos missed a penalty kick for Spain in the 55th, sending his low shot wide.

Spain defender Gerard Pique was sent off with a straight red card for fouling Neymar in the 68th.

Brazil came in hoping a victory would help it regain its status as a global powerhouse after recent struggles. Brazil was eliminated in the quarterfinals in the last two World Cups and hadn't won a significant title since the 2009 Confederations Cup in South Africa.

The title gives Brazilian fans hope that the five-time world champions have a chance to win the World Cup title next year, although no Confederations Cup champion has ever won football's showcase event the following year. "The champion is back," chanted the crowd of more than 73,000 people at the renovated Maracana. It also didn't take long before the fans — in a sea of yellow jerseys — started teasing the Spaniards, chanting "Wanna play, wanna play!?" Brazil will teach you."

The Brazilian players huddled after the final whistle and started singing and jumping, then went toward the crowd near the sidelines and began celebrating. David Luiz kneeled down and raised both of his hands into the air.

The result ended Spain's 26-match unbeaten streak. It hadn't lost since a 1-0 result England in a friendly in London in 2011. Its last loss in an official competition had happened 29 matches ago, in the 2010 World Cup opener against Switzerland.

Spain badly wanted a victory against the five-time world champion, which was one of the few top teams it hadn't faced since it began dominating international football. Spain won the 2010 World Cup along with the 2008 and 2012 European Championships.

It was the first time the traditional football nations had met since a scoreless friendly in 1999. The last competitive match between the teams had been Brazil's 1-0 win in the first round of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Brazil scored early on Sunday and kept pressuring, but it didn't take long for Spain to start taking control of the match. The Europeans were not able to create many dangerous opportunities, though, while Brazil kept threatening the most while relying on counterattacks.

Fred opened the scoring after a cross into the area by Hulk in the second minute. The ball bounced off Neymar near the far post and Fred, who had fallen while trying to reach for the cross, fired it in with his right foot while still on the ground.

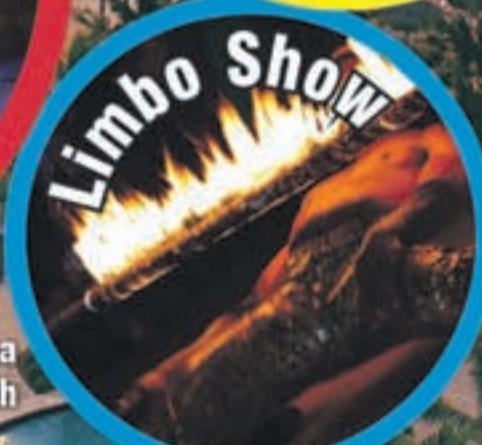
Brazil added to the lead with Neymar's fourth goal in five matches after an exchange of passes with Oscar in the 44th. The newly signed Barcelona striker, touted as the future of Brazilian football, fired a powerful left-footed shot into the top of the net.

Neymar was voted the player of the tournament. Neymar and Daniel Alves took the time after the match to congratulate their Barcelona teammates, who looked desolate across the field.

Fred closed the scoring in the 47th from just inside the area, sending a low shot to the far corner. □

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Bill Haas pulls away to win at Congressional

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And with a half-dozen players trying to win for the first time on tour, Haas kept a high pedigree of winner at the AT&T National. In the seven-year history of the tournament, Rose was the lowest-ranked player to win. He was at No. 35 in 2010 at Aronimink.

The 31-year-old won for the fifth time in his career, and this was the first one with Tiger Woods on the property — not to play, but to hand out the trophy. Woods sat out this week with an elbow injury and won't play again until the British Open, though he was impressed with what he saw.

"He played beautifully today," Woods said. "He handled his business through the tougher stretch of holes and pulled away."

Castro, part of a four-way tie for the lead at the start of the final round, made Haas work for it.

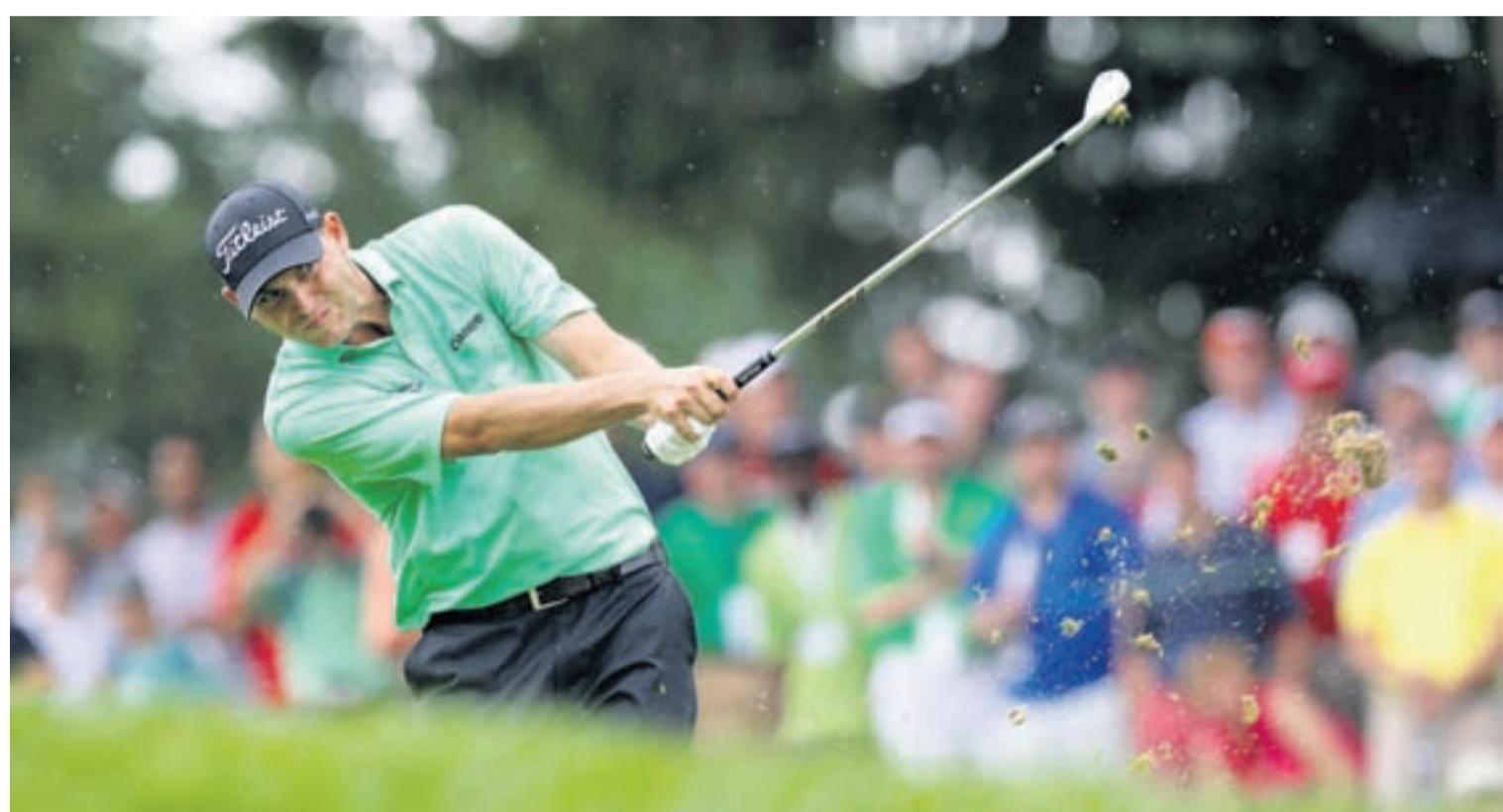
The other leaders fell away. Andres Romero had a double bogey on the fourth hole and shot 75. James Driscoll didn't make a bird-

ie in his round of 74. Jordan Spieth, a 19-year-old from Texas who needs a win to become a PGA

player for eagle and chipping in for birdie to tie for the lead. He dropped a shot at No. 11 — the hardest hole

pushing his earnings for the year over \$1.1 million. Castro bogeyed the opening hole, and that was his

swirled 360 degrees around the cup before falling, and then picked up an unlikely birdie on the 14th when his



Bill Haas poses after winning the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club, Sunday, June 30, 2013, in Bethesda, Md.

(AP Photo/Nick Wass)

Tour member and be eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs, started his day by holing out from a fairway bun-

at Congressional — about the time Haas was on his critical run of birdies. Spieth had a 69 and finished sixth,

only mistake. He was one shot out of the lead at the turn, couldn't match birdies with Haas at the par-3 10th, and then stuck with him the rest of the day.

"It helped that Roberto played so well," Haas said. Haas, who finished on 12-under 272, never allowed himself to think about winning, even after he seized control around the turn. Congressional wouldn't let him. Even though he made 15 birdies on the weekend, he remembered the triple bogey on the 11th hole Saturday that temporarily derailed him.

This time, he found the fairway, hit onto the green, took two putts for par and exhaled.

Haas saved par from a bunker on the par-3 13th with a 6-foot putt that

9-iron was drifting toward a mound covered with shaggy rough to the right of the green. It hopped off the mound to about 10 feet, and he went from a possible bogey to a birdie when he made the putt.

He made one more birdie with a wedge that checked up a foot from hole on the par-5 16th, and Haas was on his way.

The biggest struggle after that was hoisting the silver trophy of the U.S. Capitol over his head in the stifling heat of the closing ceremony on the 18th green. Haas was still smarting over losing a three-shot lead in the final round at Riviera,

making five bogeys in a seven-hole stretch in the middle of his round. He had the 36-hole lead at the Memorial until a 76-71 weekend. □

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Perry captures his first major title at the Senior Players

WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kenny Perry won the Senior Players Championship on Sunday, overtaking Fred Couples with a final round 6-under 64 to claim his first major title.

Perry finished his four rounds in 19-under 261 at Fox Chapel, two shots ahead of Couples and Duffy Waldorf.

Perry was runner-up in the 1996 PGA Championship and 2009 Masters while playing as a regular on the PGA Tour. He tied for second in the Senior PGA Championship last month. "I thought I was snakebit," Perry said. "I got close

so many times and I just seemed to mess up down the homestretch and not make it happen."

After tap-in birdies at Nos. 16 and 17 gave him a two-shot lead over Fred Couples, Perry made par on the No. 18 to close a spectacular weekend at Fox Chapel. His bogey-free 6-under 64 left him at 19-under 261, two shots ahead of Fred Couples and Duffy Waldorf.

"My word was patience," Perry said. "I wasn't going to put any pressure on myself to win the golf tournament because I had so much heartache, so many losses. ... I was just thinking 'You know what, I'm tired



Kenny Perry celebrates after sinking a par putt on the 18th green during the final round of the Senior Players Championship golf tournament at Fox Chapel Golf Club in Pittsburgh, Sunday, June 30, 2013. Perry won finishing with 19-under par, two strokes ahead of Fred Couples and Duffy Waldorf.

of worrying about that.'" Instead of feeling the pressure, Perry exerted it. He withstood an early charge

from Waldorf, who birdied his first four holes, then kept firing at pins on the back nine while Couples' putter failed him.

Fox Chapel took on more than 4 inches of rain during the week, turning what was supposed to be a stiff test into a pitch and putt for long hitters like Couples and Perry. The conditions begged for players to attack the pins. Rather than simply protect par as he did during his near-misses in earlier majors, Perry knew he could go for it.

It paid off with a \$405,000 check and one very significant weight off his shoulders. "I'm hoping the floodgates are going to open," Perry said. "But I don't know, anytime you get into contention you get nervous, you get antsy. But today I had a peace about me ... if I can kind of draw upon this the next time I get into the heat of things hopefully I'll finish it off like I did today."

Couples was hoping to polish off his third major victory on the Champions Tour, but after cruising through the first three rounds he couldn't match Perry's shotmaking on the final day. □

Park wins US Women's Open for 3rd straight major

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(AP) — Inbee Park has won the U.S. Women's Open to make history with titles in

the year's first three majors. The world's top-ranked player finished at 8 under

to win by four strokes. Her 2-over 74 in the final round Sunday was more than enough, with Sebonack's trying conditions keeping any rivals from making a run.

Only three players were under par for the tournament.

Fellow South Korean I.K. Kim also shot 74 for her second runner-up finish at a major.

No player had ever won the first three majors in a year with at least four.

Ahead by four strokes at the start of the round, Park birdied the ninth and 10th holes to extend her lead. She has won six times already this year, including three straight tournaments. Park added a second U.S. Women's Open title to another historic victory in 2008, when she became the event's youngest champion at age 19. □



Inbee Park, of South Korea, puts on the 18th green during the final round at the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y., Sunday, June 30, 2013. Inbee Kim won the championship, shooting 8 under-par.

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Tour de France: Bakelants takes 2nd stage yellow jersey

JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

AJACCIO, Corsica (AP) — University graduate Jan Bakelants pulled away close to the finish line to win Sunday's second stage of the Tour de France and take the race leader's yellow jersey for the first time in his injury-plagued career.

utes, 11 seconds, with Sagan and third-place finisher Michal Kwiatkowski one second behind him. In the overall standings, Bakelants is one second ahead of veteran British rider David Millar.

"I think it's going to be a short night tonight, I don't think I'll sleep much," Ba-

I stayed back, but then I saw the peloton were closing in on me," he said. "With 500 meters to go I had a look and I saw that I was still 100 meters clear of the peloton. I gave everything I had and I made it by one second. But that doesn't matter, I have the yellow jersey."



Jan Bakelants of Belgium crosses the finish line to win the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 156 kilometers (97.5 miles) with start in Bastia and finish in Ajaccio, Corsica island, France, Sunday June 30, 2013.

The 27-year-old Belgian made his move with a few hundred meters remaining and the RadioShack rider did enough to withstand a late charge from Slovak sprinter Peter Sagan for the biggest achievement of a frustrating career that only saw him turn professional at the age of 23.

"It's difficult to believe what happened today, it's fantastic," said Bakelants, who had a knee operation earlier this year. "Today it may be the first and last time I ever wear the yellow jersey."

He won in 3 hours, 43 min-

kelants said. "My goal was to win a stage but I didn't think it would happen so fast."

The 156-kilometer (97-mile) trek started from Bastia and, after four moderate climbs, finished in Ajaccio where French emperor and military mastermind Napoleon Bonaparte was born in 1769.

With the finish in sight, Bakelants found himself with five other riders and instinct told him that he may never get a better chance to make a name for himself.

"I felt the others weren't going at 100 percent so

It has been a difficult career for Bakelants so far.

"I had a lot of bad luck. I've had two operations. I fell at the Tour of Lombardy in 2010, I fractured my right knee and left elbow. You know, things like that take time to heal," he said. "This year I had bad luck as well, an operation on my right leg. I worked very hard to come back."

Prior to Sunday, his proudest achievement was off the bike — namely a bachelor's degree in bio-science engineering from the university of Leuven in Belgium. □

Tour de France: What to watch for in Stage 3

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

AJACCIO, Corsica (AP) — The Tour de France enters its third stage on Monday. Here's what to watch for

1. SMART MOVE BY BELGIAN GRADUATE: Belgium's Jan Bakelants showed he was street smart in winning Sunday's second stage from Bastia to Ajaccio in Corsica by nestling into a six-rider breakaway late in the stage, and then escaping with just a few kilometers left to go before holding off the pack at the finish. The RadioShack rider took the Tour leader's yellow jersey from Germany's Marcel Kittel, who lost time as he struggled up the day's climbs. It was a first professional victory for Bakelants, a 27-year-old university graduate in bio-science engineering. He'd shown promise by winning the Tour de l'Avenir — perhaps the world's preeminent race for young riders — in 2008, before turning pro.

2. FROOME'S FLAIR: Chris Froome, a Kenyan-born Briton, toyed with the minds of some of his expected rivals to win the three-week race in Paris on July 21. The Sky team leader briefly burst clear of the peloton on the last climb of the 156-kilometer (97-mile) stage from Bastia to Ajaccio — a tactic designed to give him an easier downhill ride, but with a hidden message too: Catch me if you can. Barely two minutes later, the pack caught Froome, but none of his top rivals, including two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador of Spain, went after him. Froome quipped: "It's always good to keep people on their toes." A spokesman for Contador shrugged off Froome's move, saying, "there wasn't much space to do much" to alter the overall standings. They both finished in the trailing pack behind Bakelants, and trail the Belgian by 1 second.

3. SPRINTERS STRUGGLE: Race organizers injected a bit of novelty into this year's 100th Tour edition by placing a hilly stage so early in the race: Sunday's trek across Corsica featured four mid-grade climbs through sun-baked mountains that added up to a total of 1,500 meters of vertical climbs. The sprinters, including Kittel, all lagged: Mark Cavendish of Britain and Matt Goss of Australia trailed 17-1/2 minutes back of Bakelants: Germany's Andre Greipel was nearly 13 minutes behind the Belgian. On Twitter, Cavendish used a four-letter word to describe his day...

4. MONDAY'S MEANDER: After Bakelants' racing fi-nesse Sunday and a wacky episode in Saturday's Stage 1 in which a team bus got stuck under the finish-line gantry with just minutes to go in the stage, Monday's 145.5-kilometer jaunt from Ajaccio to Calvi features what some riders call the most treacherous of the three days in Corsica this year — the Tour debut on the bucolic French Mediterranean island. French rider Jeremy Roy of the Francaise des Jeux team was quoted in France's Velo magazine saying this was "the stage of all dangers" — with winding roads along Corsica's wild western coast and a speedy downhill from the Marsolino Pass, the last of four mid-grade climbs on the day. □



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Wimbledon Week 2:

New names alongside Djokovic, Murray, Williams

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AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Get ready for some unfamiliar names at Wimbledon.

With Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal long gone, and Maria Sharapova out, too, after a havoc-filled Week 1 at the All England Club, Week 2 begins Monday with a schedule that includes participants such as Kenny de Schepper and Adrian Mannarino, Ivan Dodig and Jerzy Janowicz, Karin Knapp and Monica Puig.

None of that group has played in a fourth-round match at any Grand Slam tournament.

Members of the usual cast of characters are still around, of course, such as Serena Williams, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray. None of that trio has dropped so much as a sin-

gle set yet; all are expected to be around by next weekend. Still, Djokovic likes the idea of some players getting a chance to introduce themselves to a wider audience. "It's interesting ... to see new faces — for the crowd, for (the) tennis world, in general," said Djokovic, who might not feel quite the same way if he were among the 11 men and women seeded in the top 10 who no longer are playing.

Truth is, there hasn't been much variety of late at Grand Slam tournaments, especially at the very end: Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have won 31 of the past 33 titles.

"It's good (to have) change, in a way, because it's always expected, obviously, from top players to reach the final stages of major events. When

it doesn't happen, it's a big surprise," said the top-seeded Djokovic, whose six Grand Slam titles include Wimbledon in 2011. "It's a

bit (of a) strange feeling not to have Federer or Nadal at the second week of a major. In the last 10 years, it was always one of them."



Monica Puig of Puerto Rico returns the ball to Sara Errani of Italy during their Women's first round singles match at Wimbledon, London. Week 2 begins Monday with a somewhat surprising schedule that includes participants such as Kenny de Schepper, Adrian Mannarino, Ivan Dodig, Jerzy Janowicz, Karin Knapp and Monica Puig.

(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

Over a shorter stretch, it's also always been Djokovic, who meets 35-year-old Tommy Haas on Monday. Djokovic has played in 16 consecutive Grand Slam quarterfinals — the longest active streak, now that Federer's 36-major run is done. At the past 10 Slams, Djokovic has reached the semifinals every time, picking up five trophies and three runner-up finishes.

Murray, meanwhile, has been a finalist at the last three major tournaments he entered and won the U.S. Open in September, only increasing the expectation among the locals that he can deliver Britain's first male champion at Wimbledon in 77 years.

"Second week of a Grand Slam is a new start, especially here, where you have (time) off," said 15th-seeded Marion Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up who faces the 104th-ranked Knapp, an Italian making her first appearance in a major's fourth round. "It's really a new tournament starting."

So on the traditional middle Sunday's day of rest, there they were on the practice courts — six-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic, but also Janowicz, who'd won a grand total of six matches at major tournaments until this one; 2011 French Open champion and two-time major runner-up Li Na, but also 19-year-old Laura Robson, the first British woman to get this far at the All England Club since 1998.

Juan Martin del Potro, the 2009 U.S. Open champion, wore thick wraps of white tape around his left knee, which he hyperextended in a tumble Saturday, and a strip of black tape down the back of that leg. □

Rosberg wins controversial British Grand Prix

MICHAEL CASEY

AP Sports Writer

SILVERSTONE, England (AP)

— Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg won an explosive British Grand Prix on Sunday, after four drivers including early race leader Lewis Hamilton were hit by dramatic tire blowouts and three-time champion Sebastian Vettel retired while leading with 10 laps remaining due to mechanical problems.

With Vettel's Red Bull teammate Mark Webber closing fast, Rosberg managed to win his second race of the year and third of his career by 0.7 seconds in a nail-biting finish — though he then had to survive a stewards inquiry.

Ferrari's Fernando Alonso,

who started ninth, made a late charge up the grid and got past Lotus driver Kimi Raikkonen with two laps remaining to claim third. Hamilton also recovered to finish fourth, after his blown

tire sent him to the back of the grid in the eighth lap. Soon after celebrating, Rosberg risked seeing his victory slip away when he was referred to the stewards for not slowing down for yellow

flags in turns 3 and 5. The stewards ruled that Rosberg "did not make a significant reduction in speed" but would only receive a reprimand, or warning. After three reprimands during a season, drivers are given a 10-place grid penalty. This was Rosberg's first.

"Fantastic, it's very special," said Rosberg, who also won in Monaco and in China last year.

"Our team has done such a fantastic job. We have such momentum at the moment, progressing all the time."

Hamilton seemed poised to win his first British Grand Prix since 2008 after getting a great start and extending his lead over three-time world champion Vettel. □



Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany drives to victory in the British Formula 1 Grand Prix at Silverstone circuit, Silverstone, England, Sunday, June 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/Jon Super)

Challenges await US markets in matching 2013's 1st half

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market just had its best first half of the year since 1998. Now what?

History suggests stock investors will make more money the second half of the year.

Since World War II, a big increase in the first half of a year has almost always been followed by more gains in the second half. In the 68 years beginning with 1946, the S&P 500 index has risen 10 percent or more 23 times, according to data from S&P Dow Jones Indices. During those 23 years, the market rose the second half of the year 19 times. Eleven of those years, or nearly half, the S&P 500 rose at least 10 percent the second half of the year.

The best second half was in 1954, in the middle of the stock market's longest bull run. Stocks increased 26.2 percent July-December. The worst second half was in 1987. The "Black Monday" market crash was Oct. 19, and stocks fell 17.4 percent the second half of the year.

In years like this one, in which stocks have started with a gain of between 10 and 15 percent, the average second-half increase has been 9.4 percent.

Those numbers suggest that when a rally gets going, it keeps going.

Of course, past performance is no guarantee of the market's future, and investors face some hurdles in this year's second half.

The Federal Reserve has helped stocks rally by forcing down interest rates. But the central bank is considering reducing that stimulus later this year. Also, concerns about the Chinese economy, the world's second-largest, have unsettled markets in recent weeks.

But the factors that drove the market methodically higher the first five months of the year remain: The housing market is strengthening. Auto sales are strong. Companies con-

tinued to earn record profits. Inflation and interest rates are ultra low.

The economy is growing moderately and may pick up the second half of the year.

"We're going higher," said Phil Orlando, Chief Equity Strategist at Federated Investors. "Rising stock prices and rising real estate prices are making people feel better about their financial condition ... So we think that second-half GDP and second-half earnings are going to be better than the first half."

Orlando predicts that the S&P 500 will end the year at 1,750.

Although many investors had expected stocks to climb this year, they were surprised at the speed of the advance early on. By May 21, the S&P 500 had climbed to a record 1,669 and was up 17 percent. A day later, Fed chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank was considering pulling back on its stimulus. The market's advance cooled, and the S&P has lost 3 percent since.

Add dividends to the S&P 500's price rise and the total return for investors is 13.8 percent — the most in 15 years.

"We're not surprised at the positive performance across U.S. equity markets this year because the fundamentals of the economy are improving," says Steve Rees, head of U.S. Equity Strategy for JPMorgan Private Bank. "We were surprised, though, at how quickly we achieved that performance at the start of the year."

Here are the five best first halves for the S&P 500 since World War II. Data before 1957, when the S&P 500 was launched, combine the values for four earlier S&P indices: the industrials, utilities, financials and transportation:

— 1975. First half: up 41.7 percent. Second half: down 3.2 percent.

The 1970s began with a bull run, but things soon went sour. The oil crisis of 1973-1974 caused oil prices

to soar and the economy entered into what would be a 16-month recession in November 1973. The annual rate of inflation began to climb. It surged as high as 12.2 percent in November 1974 from 3.4 percent a year earlier. The S&P 500 dropped 48 percent between Jan. 11, 1973 and Oct. 4, 1974.

The market soared in the

first half of 1975 as inflation moderated and investors grew hopeful the economy was pulling out of its slump. The market gave up some of its gain in the second half of the year as doubts about the strength of the economic recovery grew and concern rose that inflation might re-emerge. New York City's fiscal crisis also weighed on markets.

— 1987. First half: up 27.4 percent. Second half: down 17.4 percent.

In early 1987, investors were still enjoying a bull run that had begun in August 1982. Unemployment and inflation had fallen. Tax cuts and low interest rates had spawned an economic boom.

But things unraveled in a big way. □



Trader Anthony Riccio, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, June 28, 2013. The U.S. stock market just had its best first half of the year since 1998: investors are asking 'now what?'

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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MENLO PARK, California

(AP) — Facebook is pulling ads from pages that contain violence or sexual content.

The social network said that on Monday,

it will expand its definition of pages and groups that are too controversial to carry advertisements.

Facebook has sought to strike a balance between giving its 1.1 billion users the freedom to post what they want and providing advertisers with space to sell their products.

In May, Facebook Inc. lost more than a dozen advertisers,

at least temporarily, after the activist group Women, Action and the Media urged an advertising boycott to protest hate speech on the Facebook site.

The controversial content included grisly photos and mottos that encouraged rape, abuse and other violence against women.

The company said then that it would review its guidelines,

update training for employees and increase accountability for those who post such matter.

It also said it would work more closely with women's groups.

Some of the companies that initially pulled their ads — including automaker Nissan and the car-sharing service Zipcar — said then that they were pleased with Facebook's response.

Facebook had already banned ads on certain pages.

The new policy will expand on the categories affected

by the ban. In the past, a company selling adult-theme products could have ads running on the right side of the page, for instance.

Those pages will be ad-free starting Monday.

"We recognize we need to do more to prevent situations where ads are displayed alongside controversial Pages and Groups," the company said in a statement Friday.

"So we are taking action." Facebook will continue to remove entire pages if they are deemed to violate its terms of service.

The new policy covers pages that are permitted, but controversial.

Facebook said the new restrictions won't have a meaningful impact on its business. □



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(Handout Photo)

Onyx explores a sale after rebuffing a bid by Amgen

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Onyx Pharmaceuticals said Sunday that it is weighing a sale of itself, after having rejected an unsolicited \$10 billion takeover bid by Amgen last week as too low. The company said in a statement that Amgen had proposed paying \$120 a share in cash, a 38 percent premium to Onyx's closing price Friday. The biopharmaceutical drugmaker said that it has hired the investment bank Centerview Partners to contact possible suitors.

A sale of Onyx would be the latest deal in the health care industry, one of the busiest for mergers and acquisitions in recent years. The sector shows few signs of slowing down: About \$93.5 billion worth of transactions was announced in the first half of this year, up 13 percent from the same time last year, according to data from Thomson Reuters.

One big factor in that merger upswing is drug manufacturers' big appetite for biopharmaceutical companies, hoping to use their specialized products to refill their product pipelines as older offerings face pressure from generic competitors.

Onyx sells or helps sell three cancer drugs, two of which won approval in 2012, broadening its portfolio and making it more attractive to potential acquirers. □

Its oldest drug, which it sells with Bayer, is Nexavar, which is approved to treat liver and kidney cancers. Last year, Bayer won approval for Stivarga to treat colorectal cancer. Onyx helps sell that drug in the United States and gets a royalty on global sales.

"Onyx has tremendous momentum and, with the expansion of our pipeline and two successful product launches, the company and our talented employees have created significant value for Onyx shareholders," N. Anthony Coles, Onyx's chairman and chief executive, said in a statement. "We are actively exploring the potential to combine Onyx with another company as an option to create additional value for Onyx shareholders."

In 2012, Onyx had total revenue of \$362.2 million and a net loss of \$187.8 million using generally accepted accounting principles. Onyx's share of the revenue from Nexavar was \$288.4 million, about the same as the year before. Sales of Kyprolis, which was approved in July, were \$64 million.

While Kyprolis is considered Onyx's best growth prospect in the near term, a possible hidden gem for the company is that it is entitled to an 8 percent royalty on a drug now being developed by Pfizer that has shown extremely promising early results in treating breast cancer, though more study is needed. □

Chinese pursue U.S. real estate deals

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First, it was the Japanese. Money men from Tokyo blew into the United States to buy famous pieces of the U.S. landscape, from Rockefeller Center in New York to the Pebble Beach Golf Links in California.

Now, about a quarter-century later, another set of deep-pocketed foreign buyers is pushing ever deeper into U.S. real estate: the Chinese.

Undaunted by Japan's real estate misadventures in the 1980s - some Japanese investors wildly overpaid for U.S. property, and Japan eventually suffered one of the biggest property market collapses in history - Chinese investors are fanning out in the United States. What began with a few isolated purchases two years ago has become a hunt for trophy properties and billion-dollar deals. So far, the kind of fears that arose in the 1980s - unfounded talk that Japan was "buying up" America - have not surfaced this time. To the contrary, the Chinese, or at least their money, are being welcomed, even celebrated.

Some caution that China could quickly retreat, as Japan did, if its economy worsens. Signs of economic weakness in China have been mounting, and the

country's financial system has recently come under stress. Those concerns could dissipate if Beijing steps in to ease strains in the nation's banking industry and to spur growth, but many economists see real and growing dangers within China's economy.

And yet in recent weeks, several big deals in New York City have set real estate circles abuzz.

Zhang Xin, a Chinese business magnate and chief executive of the largest commercial real estate developer in Beijing, joined forces with the Safra family of Brazil to buy a large piece of the General Motors Building in midtown. Dalian Wanda Group, a big Chinese developer, said it intended to build a luxury hotel in Manhattan. (Wanda is also planning to build a hotel in London.) The deals go beyond shimmering glass-and-steel towers: Chinese and Hong Kong investors have also become the second-largest foreign buyers of U.S. homes, after the Canadians.

"They're just getting started," said Steve Collins, the international director at Jones Lang LaSalle Capital, a real estate services firm that recently held conferences for potential buyers in Shanghai and Beijing. □

"There's just been some incredible wealth creation there."

For the moment, the Chinese government is encouraging the investments and even helping to finance them. The state-owned Bank of China has become the largest foreign lender in commercial real estate deals in the United States, replacing big European banks.

Beijing is eager to diversify its investments. The Chinese government owns more than \$1 trillion of U.S. Treasury securities, but those investments generate little return given how low interest rates are.

"The political support for investments beyond U.S. Treasurys has increased significantly over the last couple of years and that has encouraged Chinese investors to look at real estate in big, stable markets like New York or other big cities," said Thilo Hemann, a research director at Rhodium Group, a firm that analyzes global business and economic trends.

The Chinese aren't limiting themselves to mega-deals. Some purchases have been relatively small by the standards of commercial real estate. Zhang, who is the chief executive of SOHO China and one ... (Continued on next page). □



The Sheraton Universal hotel, bought by Chinese investors, in Universal City, Calif. Many Chinese firms and investors are betting that the potential returns in American commercial property markets will be higher than in other areas of the world.

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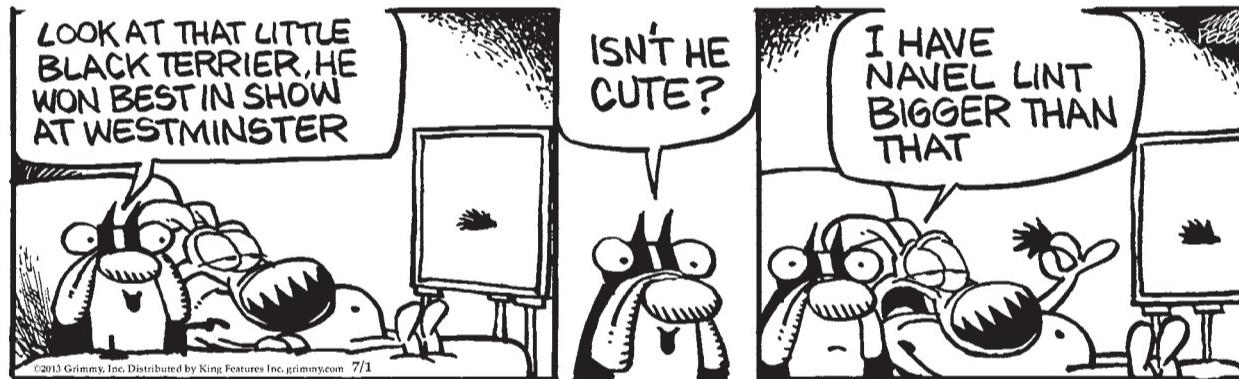
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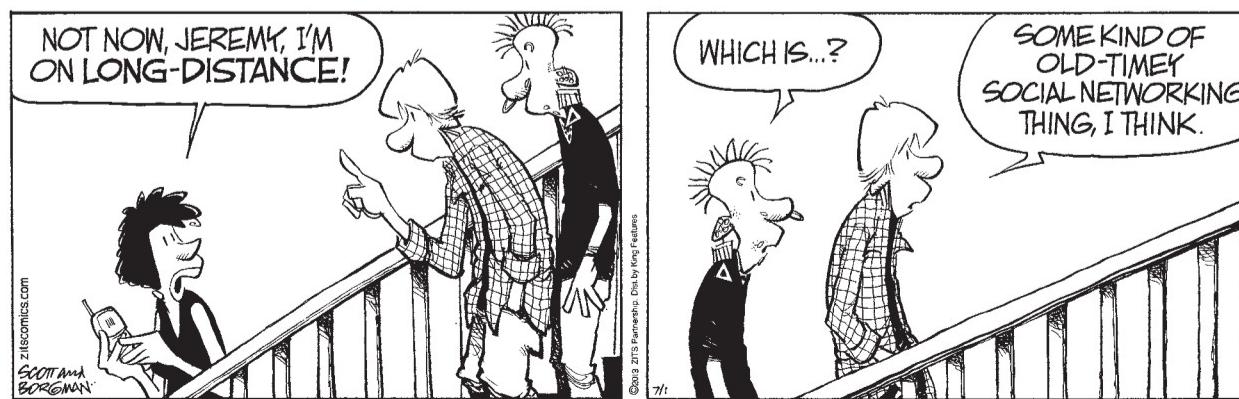
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Bobcats: The best was saved for last

BENJAMIN HOFFMAN

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The Zeller brothers each took a turn being Indiana's "Mr. Basketball." They reached a combined height of just under 21 feet, and each attended a powerhouse athletic university. But like most of the groups of three or more brothers to make it to professional sports, one will probably stand above the rest.

The Charlotte Bobcats, who selected Cody, the youngest of the three Zellers, with the No. 4 pick

skills. And having watched two brothers, Luke and Tyler, precede him each step along the way, he has had a chance to learn from what they have done.

"I've always dealt with pressure growing up with two older brothers through high school, through college," Zeller, 20, said shortly after being selected by Charlotte. "So I don't think that will affect me too much. I'm ready to go in there to work and make a difference."

Luke Zeller, 26, is the oldest of the three brothers.



Cody Zeller was the fourth selection in the NBA draft, joining the Charlotte Bobcats at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, June 27, 2013. Seven feet tall and 230 pounds, the youngest Zeller is following his two brothers, Luke and Tyler, into professional basketball.

(Michelle V. Agins/The New York Times)

in Thursday's draft, will be hoping they have the right brother. By all indications, they just might.

Zeller, a 7-footer who weighs 230 pounds, is roughly the size of Bill Walton, a Hall of Fame center, but at the NBA draft combine he performed more like a guard, with a vertical leap of 34.5 inches and top-10 finishes in all of the agility tests.

He was not the savior of Indiana basketball, as he was often portrayed when he chose to stay home for college, but Zeller intrigues coaches with his range of

At 6-11, he is the only Zeller shorter than 7 feet, and the least accomplished. After a modest college career at Notre Dame, he kicked around the minor leagues before a stint in the NBA last season. He played 58 minutes over 16 games for the Phoenix Suns before being released in February. He has yet to catch on with another team.

Tyler Zeller, 23, starred for North Carolina before being taken with the 17th pick in the 2012 draft. He started 55 games for the Cleveland Cavaliers last season, averaging 7.9 points. □

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California's Sierra a 'living lab' for climate change

TRACIE CONE
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SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST, California (AP) — In parts of California's Sierra Nevada, marshy meadows are going dry, wildflowers are blooming earlier and glaciers are melting into ice fields.

Scientists also are predicting the optimal temperature zone for giant sequoias will rise hundreds and hundreds of feet (meters), leaving trees at risk of dying over the next 100 years. As indicators point toward a warming climate, scientists across 4 million acres (1.62 million hectares) of federally protected land are noting changes affecting everything from the massive trees that can grow to more than two-dozen (7.3 meters) across to the tiny, hamsterlike pika. But what the changes mean and whether humans should do anything to intervene are sources of disagreement among land managers.

"That's the tricky part of the debate: If humans are causing warming, does that obligate us under the laws of the National Park Service to try to counteract those effects?" said Nate Stephenson, a research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

"How do you adapt to a changing climate if you're a national park?" added Stephenson, who is 30 years into a study of trees in the largest wilderness in the continental U.S., Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park.

Since 1895, the average temperature across California has increased by 1.7 degrees Fahrenheit (1 degree Celsius), and experts say the most visible effects of that warming occur within the Sierra Nevada, where low temperatures are rising and precipitation increasingly falls as rain rather than snow. Some models show noncoastal California warming by 2.7 degrees (1.5 Celsius) between 2000 and 2050, one of many reasons President Barack Obama pledged last week to use executive

powers to cut carbon pollution.

The state's two largest rivers — the Sacramento and San Joaquin — originate in the Sierra. The range also is home to Lake Tahoe, the largest alpine lake in North

in such a small region, scientists are debating whether to irrigate the 65 groves in the southern Sierra to help them endure warmer temperatures. Otherwise they fear the trees could die. During the last warm, dry

also looked on as a social artifact." Stephenson says his decades of studying conifers in Sequoia National Forest have shown they are dying at twice their historic rate, partly because the climate is warmer and drier.



The view from Beetle Rock in Sequoia National Park, Calif. As the climate warms, scientists studying one of the largest swaths of wilderness in the Continental U.S. are noting changes across national parks, national forests and 3.7 million acres of federally protected wilderness areas that are a living laboratory.

(AP Photo/Tracie Cone)

America; Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the Lower 48; and America's only groves of giant sequoias, the largest living things on earth.

There are mounting concerns about the beloved sequoias, whose sprawling, 10-foot-(three-meter)-deep root systems make them especially vulnerable to drought and heat.

Because the trees exist only

period 4,000 to 10,000 years ago, their numbers were greatly diminished, according to pollen evidence collected by researchers at Northern Arizona University. "Whether we would water them certainly comes up on our climate change scenario planning," said Karen Nydick, science coordinator at Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park. "They are a very unusual species because they're

The giant sequoias grow much more slowly than conifers over many hundreds of years so changes have been tougher to recognize, though researchers suspect seedlings already may be having a harder time taking root.

"That's always the million-dollar question," said Stephenson, director of USGS's Sierra Nevada Global Change Research Program. "We just don't have

a big enough sample size to know what's going on with the giant sequoias, whereas we monitor thousands of pines and firs and have much more confidence." So far, the dozens of changes researchers have noted, in everything from earlier songbird fledgling dates to greater wildfire intensity, may point to a warming climate. But it's far from understood whether that would mean doom or adaptation for California's ecological heart.

"I don't want to say that because we're seeing one thing, that's how it will play out," said Rob Klinger who is studying alpine mammals for the USGS's Western Ecological Research Center. "The endgame of our study is determining whether there will be uniform change or will it be patchwork. If you look at evolutionary time scales, species have gone through these changes before, and they handle it."

As part of a Ph.D. project at the University of California, Merced, Kaitlin Lubetkin for five summers has hiked the backcountry taking inventory of 350 subalpine meadows formed when glaciers retreated eons ago. The marshy ground acts as a reservoir that eases flooding after snow melts, and the stored water feeds streams during dry months and sustains wildlife such as the endangered willow flycatcher songbird and the Yosemite toad, which is being considered for threatened species status. □

Space shuttle Atlantis makes public viewing debut

MARcia DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida shuttle to soar made its mu-
The Atlantis exhibit opened
Kennedy Space Center in
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The space shuttle Atlantis on display at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Cape Canaveral, Fla. The 900,000 square-foot facility centering around the last shuttle to go into orbit opened to the public June 29.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

(AP) — The last U.S. space shuttle to debut this weekend, to the public Saturday at Florida. It's the centerpiece dedicated to the entire 30-

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flew on Atlantis took part in visitor complex.
is the last of NASA's three lic display. □

Paris Jackson 'better,' misses tribute to dad

MICHAEL CIDONI LENNOX
AP Entertainment Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Once was not enough.

Less than 20 months after the debut of the first Cirque du Soleil show paying tribute Michael Jackson comes the second: "Michael Jackson ONE".

Cirque president Daniel Lamarre said he'd planned two Jackson-inspired shows "from the first day we got the rights from the (Jackson) estate," with the first production, "Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL WORLD TOUR," delivering a stadium-sized concert-type presentation and "ONE" a more intimate affair.

The new show is something closer to what Cirque du Soleil usually serves up. It's a multimedia extravaganza that often flies high, but never loses sight of its inspiration. Saturday's world premiere attracted celebrities including musician Justin Bieber, as well as actors Neil Patrick Harris, Allison Janney and Alfre Woodard. Also in attendance were Michael Jackson's brothers Marlon, Tito and Jackie, the latter noting during arrivals that most of the Jackson family would be inside the theater for the premiere except for Michael's daughter, Paris. The teen was taken by ambulance from her family's home June 5 and hospitalized.

"She's going to be OK," Jackie Jackson said. "She's getting better."

The brothers said even less when asked about the progress of the lawsuit against concert promoter AEG Live. The family claims the company hired Conrad Murray, the doctor convicted of involuntary manslaughter for Michael Jackson's 2009 death.

"We can't elaborate on that, because it's still ongoing," replied Marlon Jackson.

Following a dramatic week of courtroom testimony surrounding Michael Jackson's final days, the brothers seemed relieved to be revisiting Michael's life and work. □

'The Heat' not hot enough to top 'Monsters'

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy brought "The Heat" against Channing Tatum and Jamie Foxx at the box office.

The Fox action-comedy starring the funny ladies as mismatched detectives earned \$40 million in second place in its opening weekend, topping the \$25.7 million debut haul of Sony's "White House Down," according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Disney-Pixar animated prequel "Monsters University" remained box-office valedictorian in its second weekend, earning \$46.1 million in first place.

As for "The Heat," employing two female leads to buck the male-dominated buddy-cop formula paid off in ticket sales.

"I think the fact that we have a female-centric movie standing out in a forest of giant tent-pole movies is phenomenal," said Chris Aronson, Fox's president of domestic distribution. "Audiences really responded. We positioned this to be a female event movie, and we got the opening that we were hoping for this weekend."

"White House Down," which features Tatum as a wannabe Secret Service agent and Foxx as

the President of the United States of America, was inaugurated below expectations in fourth place. The film's White House takeover plot is strikingly similar to FilmDistrict's "Olympus Has Fallen," which opened in March and starred Gerard Butler and Aaron Eckhart. "It turned out to be a very competitive weekend,"

ful that with the July 4th holiday coming up, it will be the perfect film for audiences, and it'll really add up for us." Meanwhile, Paramount's "World War Z" took another bite out of the box office in its second weekend domestically with \$29.8 million. Overseas, the globe-trotting zombie thriller starring Brad Pitt cleared

"There's a G-rated movie at the top of the chart and an R-rated movie in second place. That says a lot about the summer marketplace and how a unique slate of films can propel the box office."

"Man of Steel" is still flying high in its third week, coming in fifth place with \$20.8 million in North America



This film publicity image released by Disney-Pixar shows characters Mike, voiced by Billy Crystal, left, and Professor Knight, voiced by Alfred Molina, right, in a scene from "Monsters University." (AP Photo/Disney-Pixar)

said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. "We had hoped 'White House Down' did better, just from the standpoint that we love this film, but I feel very hope-

\$70.1 million in 51 territories. "I think the variety of films is what brought people out to the movie theaters," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

and \$52.2 million in such international markets as Australia, Sweden and China. The Warner Bros. retelling of Superman's origin passed the \$500 million mark on Saturday. □

Lopez sings in human-rights-violating Turkmenistan

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Lopez sang "Happy Birthday" to the leader of Turkmenistan during a show, but her representative said she wouldn't have performed there at all if she had known there were human rights issues in the country.

The singer and actress performed in the former Soviet bloc country on Saturday night. A statement released Sunday by her publicist to The Associated Press said the event was hosted by the China National Petroleum Corp. and wasn't a political event.

However, the country's leader, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, did attend. Berdimuhamedow has been criticized for oppressive rule by human rights organizations. Human Rights Watch describes Turkmenistan as "among the most repressive in the world."

After a United Nations visit last month, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ivan Simonovic said the country had made progress in the area of human rights, but "a lot more work is needed to complete this process and to ensure practice is in line with international standards."

Lopez's publicist says the event was vetted by Lopez's staff: "Had there been knowledge of human rights issues any kind, Jennifer would not have attended."

The birthday serenade was a last-minute request made by the corporation to Lopez before she took the stage, and she "graciously obliged," the statement said.

Lopez is the latest celebrity to face scrutiny for performing in countries or for leaders with human rights violations.

In 2011, Oscar-winning actress Hilary Swank profusely apologized after attending a birthday party for

Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, who had been accused of torture and killings; she said she didn't have a full understanding of the event.

Beyoncé, Nelly Furtado, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey and Usher were paid handsomely to perform at parties linked to the late Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. All later announced plans to donate their performance fees to charity and said they hadn't known the leader was connected to terrorism. Lopez has no other performances scheduled in the country, her publicist said. Her performance fee wasn't disclosed. □

Mumfords close Glastonbury after Rolling Stones triumph

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LONDON (AP) — Mumford & Sons brought the Glastonbury Festival to a close Sunday, with many music fans still on a high from the Rolling Stones' first-ever gig at Britain's leading music extravaganza.

The Mumfords' performance was the Grammy-winning folk-rockers' first since bassist Ted Dwane had surgery for a blood clot on his brain earlier this month.

The banjo-wielding balladeers got a raucous reception. But the weekend belonged to the Rolling Stones, with festival founder Michael Eavis declaring the band's show "the high spot of 43 years of Glastonbury."

"It's the whole razzmatazz of the occasion — the two of us finally getting together at long last," said Eavis. The Stones, joined by ex-member Mick Taylor on guitar, played for more than two hours on the festival's main Pyramid Stage, giving fans a clutch of hits, from opener "Jumpin' Jack Flash" through to encores of "You Can't Always Get What You Want" and "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." Organizers estimated 100,000 of the 135,000 festival ticket-holders watched the Stones, including celebrity music fans Prince Harry and Kate Moss.

The gig was a coup for the three-day festival, which has been trying to book the

band for years, although there were grumbles from TV viewers because the band agreed to let the BBC air only an hour of its set.

If the music of the Stones, who formed in 1962, is familiar to the point of parody, many in the audience felt it retained plenty of power. Reviewer Dorian Lynskey in The Observer newspaper noted that the band members "look like fabulous caricatures of themselves: Jagger a prancing dandy,

Keith Richards a mummified pirate, Charlie Watts a dignified gentlemen's tailor somehow tricked into drumming."

But he said the band's blues-soaked rock music and relaxed virtuosity remains "extraordinary." The show was another landmark for Glastonbury, the most myth-encrusted of music festivals.

Founded in 1970 as a hippie happening on Eavis' Worthy Farm in southwest England, it long ago shed

its counterculture cachet. But it remains known for its electric atmosphere, its eclectic lineup — and the mud that overwhelms the site in rainy years.

This year, the sun shone after some early showers, and the lineup ranged from Vampire Weekend, Bobby Womack and Kenny Rogers to Dizzee Rascal, Primal Scream, Public Enemy and Elvis Costello. Police said crime was down by a third from the last festival in 2011, with 220

reported crimes, including 61 drug offenses and 106 thefts from tents. Avon and Somerset Police said 154 people had been arrested as of Sunday afternoon, but there were no major incidents.

The Stones, meanwhile, are gathering no moss in their sixth decade as a band. They recently finished a string of North American dates on the "50 and Counting" tour and are due to play London's Hyde Park July 6 and 13. □



Mick Jagger, center, Ronnie Wood, left, Charlie Watts, rear on drums and Keith Richards, right, of British band the Rolling Stones, perform on the Pyramid main stage at Glastonbury, England, Saturday, June 29, 2013. Thousands of music fans have arrived for the festival to see headliners, Arctic Monkeys, Mumford and Sons and the Rolling Stones.

(Photo by Joel Ryan/Invision/AP)



Actor Alec Baldwin at the funeral service of James Gandolfini, star of "The Sopranos," in New York. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Alec Baldwin apologizes to NY gay group over tweets

NEW YORK (AP) — Alec Baldwin has apologized to a New York City-based lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights group for a series of tweets that could be interpreted as homophobic.

Baldwin's messages were directed at a newspaper reporter who accused his wife of tweeting during the funeral for the former star of "The Sopranos" James Gandolfini. Baldwin says in a letter to GLAAD posted on its website Friday his

tweets didn't have anything to do with "issues of anyone's sexual orientation."

The former "30 Rock" star says he's done political work with marriage equality groups and insists he wouldn't advocate violence against someone for being gay.

GLAAD spokesman Rich Ferraro says Baldwin's language was improper and his tweets didn't reflect his "history of actively supporting LGBT equality." □

Invest, Divest And Prosper



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It has been a busy news week, what with voting rights, gay marriage and Paula Deen. Even so, it's remarkable how little attention the news media gave to President Barack Obama's new "climate action plan." Discount, if you like, the terrific speech he gave when unveiling the proposal; this is, nonetheless, a very big deal. For this time around, Obama wasn't touting legislation we know won't pass. The new plan is, instead, designed to rely on executive action. This means that, unlike earlier efforts to address climate change, it can bypass the anti-environmentalists who control the House of Representatives.

Republicans realize this, and they're stamping their feet in frustration. All they can do, it seems, is fulminate (and perhaps scare the administration into backing down). Interestingly, however, right now they don't seem eager to attack climate science, maybe because that would make them sound unreasonable (which they are). Instead, they're going for the economic angle, denouncing the Obama administration for waging a "war on coal" that will destroy jobs.

And you know what? They're half-right. The new Obama plan is, to some extent, a war on coal - because reducing our use of coal is, necessarily, going to be part of any serious effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

But making war on coal won't destroy jobs. In fact, serious new regulation of greenhouse emissions could be just what our economy needs.

So, what is the plan? Mainly, Obama announced his intention to use the powers of the Environmental Protection Agency to impose limits on carbon emissions from power plants. Such plants aren't the only source of greenhouse gases, but they do account for about 40 percent of emissions. Furthermore, regulating power-plant emissions is standard practice; we already have policies limiting these plants' emissions of pollutants such as sulfur dioxide and mercury, so adding carbon to the list isn't that much of a departure, at least in principle.

But wouldn't imposing carbon limits raise the cost of electricity? And wouldn't that destroy jobs?

The answer is, yes and no. Yes, new rules on carbon emissions would increase the costs of electricity generation. Power companies would probably close some old coal-fired plants, turning to more expensive lower-emission alternatives - to some extent renewables like wind, but mainly natural gas. Furthermore, they would be forced to invest in new capacity to replace the old sources.

All of this would, indeed, lead to somewhat higher electricity bills - although not nearly as high as the usual suspects claim. It's kind of funny, actually: right-wingers love to praise the power of free markets and declare that the private sector can deal with any problem, but then turn around and insist that the private sector will just throw up its hands in despair and collapse in the face of new environmental rules. The actual lesson of history - for example, from efforts to protect the ozone layer and reduce acid rain - is that business can generally reduce emissions much more cheaply than you think, as long as regulation is flexible to allow innovative solutions.

Still, there will be some cost. Won't this destroy jobs? Actually, no.

It's always important to remember that what ails the U.S. economy right now isn't lack of productive capacity, but lack of demand. The housing bust, the overhang of household debt and ill-timed cuts in public spending have created a situation in which nobody wants to spend; and because your spending is my income and my spending is your income, this leads to a depressed economy overall.

How would forcing the power industry to clean up its act worsen this situation? It wouldn't, because neither costs nor lack of capacity are constraining the economy right now.

And, as I've already suggested, environmental action could actually have a positive effect. Suppose that electric utilities, in order to meet the new rules, decide to close some existing power plants and invest in new, lower-emission capacity. Well, that's an increase in spending, and more spending is exactly what our economy needs.

OK, it's still not clear whether any of this will happen. Some of the people I talk to are cynical about the new climate initiative, believing that the president won't actually follow through. All I can say is, I hope they're wrong. Near the end of his speech, the president urged his audience to: "Invest."

Divest. Remind folks there's no contradiction between a sound environment and strong economic growth." Normally, one would be tempted to dismiss this as the sound of someone waving away the need for hard choices. But, in this case, it was simple good sense: We really can invest in new energy sources, divest from old sources, and actually make the economy stronger. So let's do it. □



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The End Of Fannie And Freddie?



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On Tuesday, Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., and Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., introduced a complicated bill that is intended to solve, once and for all, the problem known as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. You can be forgiven for missing this piece of news. Between Edward Snowden and the Supreme Court, it was easy enough to overlook.

But it's not unimportant. It has now been nearly five years since Fannie and Freddie were put into conservatorship by the Treasury Department. Since then, we have been through the financial crisis, the housing crisis and the foreclosure crisis. Although the housing market has come a long way back, the market for private mortgage-backed securities - that is, bundles of mortgages sold to investors without a government guarantee - remains moribund. Believe it or not, the much-maligned Fannie and Freddie have kept the housing market alive by taking on the credit risk for most plain-vanilla mortgages, especially that most sacred of sacred cows, the 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage.

Indeed, ever since the creation of mortgage-backed securities in the 1970s, this has been a critical role of Fannie and Freddie; their "wrap" helped give investors the confidence to buy securities stuffed with thousands of mortgages they were never going to inspect individually. Currently, an incredible 77 percent

of the mortgages being made in America are guaranteed by Fannie and Freddie.

Yet this can't last forever. Conservatorship was supposed to be temporary. Although Fannie and Freddie are now making a gaggle of money, for complicated reasons having to do with the way the Treasury Department originally set up the conservatorship, that money is not reducing the government's \$180 billion bailout of the two companies.

Meanwhile, many Republicans have been screaming that the financing of housing should be left to the private market and that Fannie and Freddie must be put out of business. (They believe, wrongly, that Fannie and Freddie caused the financial crisis.) And the Obama White House - shocker! - has punted.

Thus we have Corker-Warner. (The bill has six other co-sponsors, three from each party.) The first thing to note about it is that, by god, it actually would eliminate Fannie and Freddie; the two companies are supposed to be wound down within five years.

But does that mean the private market will take over? Not a chance. Warner told me that although the bill would insist that private capital absorb the first 10 percent of any losses, the federal role remains critical. A new federal agency would be established to explicitly guarantee losses beyond that. And the bill would create programs to help make homeownership possible for low-income Americans, just like Fannie and Freddie once did. Those ads

Fannie and Freddie used to run showing diverse Americans smiling in front of their home-sweet-homes could easily be replayed by supporters of Corker-Warner. When I asked Corker how he planned to sell the bill to his fellow Republicans, he said, "This is a pragmatic approach. To have liquidity in the market, you have to have some government insurance." He said it as if it were the most obvious thing in the world. As for the social mission, he told

me that the country would be better served having that mission explicitly dealt with by the federal government than to have it "embedded" as part of two companies that were always more concerned with maximizing profits.

I don't doubt that he's right about that. One of the big problems with the old Fannie Mae-Freddie Mac model is that because they were publicly traded companies that also had a government component, their goals were constantly at war with each other. There was too much about them that was implied rather than stated outright. Warner and Corker both stressed that the country was better served by having things like government guarantees of mortgages out in the open, rather than implied as it was in Fannie's and Freddie's heyday.

Yet Corker-Warner has its own unstated assumption, namely that "the 30-year fixed mortgage is a social entitlement," as Karen Petrou, the managing partner of Federal Financial Analytics, puts it. Almost no other country offers a 30-year fixed mortgage, because 30 years is unacceptably risky to the private market - without a government backstop. The 30-year fixed is also at the heart of the idea that owning one's home is the American Dream. Part of the reason Corker-Warner is so complicated is that it has to do backward somersaults to create a mechanism that will maintain the viability of the 30-year fixed mortgage.

The question of whether the country should even have a 30-year fixed mortgage - or whether those who want one should pay for it, rather than relying on a broad government guarantee, or whether encouraging everyone to own their own home should be government policy - is what the country should be debating. By comparison, the debate about Fannie and Freddie is the same thing it's always been: a sideshow. □

Feds confounded by Marijuana's march to mainstream

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It

took 50 years for American attitudes about marijuana to zigzag from the paranoia of "Reefer Madness" to the excesses of Woodstock back to the hard line of "Just Say No."

The next 25 years took the nation from Bill Clinton, who famously "didn't inhale," to Barack Obama, who most emphatically did.

Now, in just a few short years, public opinion has moved so dramatically toward general acceptance that even those who champion legalization are surprised at how quickly attitudes are changing and states are moving to approve the drug — for medical use and just for fun.

It is a moment in America that is rife with contradictions:

—People are looking more kindly on marijuana even as science reveals more about the drug's potential dangers, particularly for young people.

—States are giving the green light to the drug in direct defiance of a federal prohibition on its use.

Exploration of the potential medical benefit is limited by high federal hurdles to research.

Washington policymakers seem reluctant to deal with any of it. Richard Bonnie, a University of Virginia law professor who worked for a national commission that recommended decriminalizing marijuana in 1972, sees the public taking a big leap from prohibition to a more laissez-faire approach without full deliberation.

"It's a remarkable story historically," he says. "But as a matter of public policy, it's a little worrisome."

More than a little worrisome to those in the anti-drug movement.

"We're on this hundred-mile-an-hour freight train to legalizing a third addictive substance," says Kevin Sabet, a former drug policy adviser in the Obama administration, lumping marijuana with tobacco and alcohol.

Legalization strategist Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, likes the direction the marijuana smoke is wafting. But knows his side has considerable work yet to do.

"I'm constantly reminding my allies that marijuana is not going to legalize itself," he says.

Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have legalized the use of marijuana for medical purposes since California voters made the first move in 1996. Voters in Colorado and Washington state took the next step last year and approved pot for recreational use. Alaska is likely to vote on the same question in 2014, and a few other states are expected to put recreational use on the ballot in 2016.

Nearly half of American adults have tried marijuana, 12 percent of them in the past year, according to a survey by the Pew Research Center.

Fifty-two percent of adults favor legalizing marijuana, up 11 percentage points just since 2010, according to Pew.

Sixty percent think Washington shouldn't enforce federal laws against marijuana in states that have approved its use.

There's a political calculus for the president, or any other politician, in all of this. Younger people, who tend to vote more Democratic,

are more supportive of legalizing marijuana, as are people in the West, where the libertarian streak runs strong. Despite increasing public acceptance of marijuana overall, politicians know there are complications that could come with commercializing an addictive substance. Opponents of pot are particularly worried that legalization will result in increased use by young people.

Sabet frames the conundrum for Obama: "Do you want to be the president that stops a popular cause, especially a cause that's popular within your own party? Or do you want to be the president that enables youth drug use that will have ramifications down the road?"

Marijuana legalization advocates offer politicians a rosier scenario, in which legitimate pot businesses eager to keep their operating licenses make sure not to sell to minors.

"Having a regulated system is the only way to ensure that we're not ceding control of this popular substance to the criminal market and to black marketeers," says Aaron Smith,

executive director of the National Cannabis Industry Association, a trade group for legal pot businesses in the U.S.

So how bad, or good, is pot? J. Michael Bostwick, a psychiatrist at the Mayo Clinic, set out to sort through more than 100 sometimes conflicting studies after his teenage son became addicted to pot, and turned his findings into a 22-page article for Mayo Clinic Proceedings in 2012.

For all of the talk that smoking pot is no big deal, Bostwick says he determined that "it was a very big deal. There were addiction issues. There were psychosis issues. But there was also this very large body of literature suggesting that it could potentially have very valuable pharmaceutical applications but the research was stymied" by federal barriers.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse says research is ongoing.

Dr. Nora Volkow, the institute's director, worries that legalizing pot will result in increased use of marijuana by young people, and impair their brain development. □



Different strains of marijuana are displayed during the grand opening of the Seattle location of the Northwest Cannabis Market, for sales of medical marijuana products.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)